

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

I look forward to meeting with everyone in the next few days to discuss your child's progress thus far in kindergarten. If you have not scheduled your conference time with me yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Horrible Hair Day was lots of fun! We also played some fun Halloween games and made a neat Halloween headband to celebrate Halloween. Have fun and be safe tomorrow night when you are trick or treating!

Language Arts:

We continued to learn about the letter "h" and had lots of fun with various Halloween activities. The children enjoyed acting out the rhyme, "5 Little Witches". We wore witch hats and flew through the air, and discussed all of the rhyming words that we could find. Continuing with the witch theme, we cut out pictures of things that begin with the letter "h" from magazines and filled up our witch hat. For writing fun, we wrote about what we would be for Halloween. The children are doing much better with their writing. Remember when practicing writing at home to allow your child to write what they hear; it does not have to be correctly spelled. We also wrote a list of describing words for the jack-o'-lantern that we carved together. It was a great week to have fun while working hard!

Math:

For math fun, we sorted pumpkins and gourds according to size, shape, and color. To practice counting and writing numbers, we played a game using Halloween shapes and Halloween placemats. Each child took a turn dumping the Halloween shapes out of a cup onto the placemat. Then we would count how many pieces landed *on* the mat and how many pieces landed *off* of the mat. After counting the pieces, we recorded the number on a sheet. Try playing this game at home; you could use anything to dump and then practice counting what is *on/off* the placemat. Have fun! We also played with patterns using Halloween pictures; we are learning about AAB, ABB, and ABC patterns now. We also practiced estimating, counting, measuring, weighing, and the concept of sink/float using a very big pumpkin that we picked up at the pumpkin patch last week.

Other Activities:

In center time, we marble painted spooky spider webs, made cool pictures with Halloween stamps and smelly stamp pads, and made a cool jack-o'-lantern on the computer.

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Upcoming Events:

- November 2 & 3 - No School
- November 6 - Report Cards go home!
- November 19- Thanksgiving Luncheon
- November 25 - Early Dismissal
- November 26 & 27 - No School

Special Reminders:

- Ice Cream for Kindergarten is on Mondays! Please send in 65 cents to purchase ice cream. If you do not wish for your child to have ice cream, please let us know.
- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

Homework:

Please practice letter recognition and letter sounds nightly! It is very important that the children know all of their letters and letter sounds in order for them to take the next steps for reading and writing.

Next Week:

We will begin learning about the letter "p". We will be learning about the first Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims, and the Indians.

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

*Please contact me with any
questions and concerns:
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